

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Confirmation No. 5100
Roberto CONTI Group Art Unit: 3721
Serial Number: 10/566,475 Examiner: Durand, Paul R
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For: DEVICE FOR DOSING AND FORMING DISKS FOR PODS
CONTAINING A PRODUCT FOR INFUSION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: **October 20, 2008**

Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated July 18, 2008.

Claims 12-18, 20-21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Number 4,437,294 to Romagnoli in view of United States Patent Number 4,747,250 to Rossi; Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Romagnoli in view of United States Patent Number 2,684,186 to Mattos; and Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Romagnoli in view of United States Patent Number 6,35,120 to Lofman et al. (Lofman).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections for at least the following reason(s).

Claim 12 recites a device for dosing and forming disks for pods containing a product for infusion, the pods including a piece of filter material containing a